


It is understood that pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114, the Request for Continued Examination will be treated as a request to withdraw the instant appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Claims:**

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. A boot comprising an outer layer of leather which is stretched over an oversized toe box located beneath the outer layer, a layer of compressible cold insulating material which is secured to the inside of the toe box in its uncompressed state, a lining which extends below the compressible cold insulating material a sufficient distance so that the cold insulating material is not compressed between the outer layer of leather and the lining, and an outsole.